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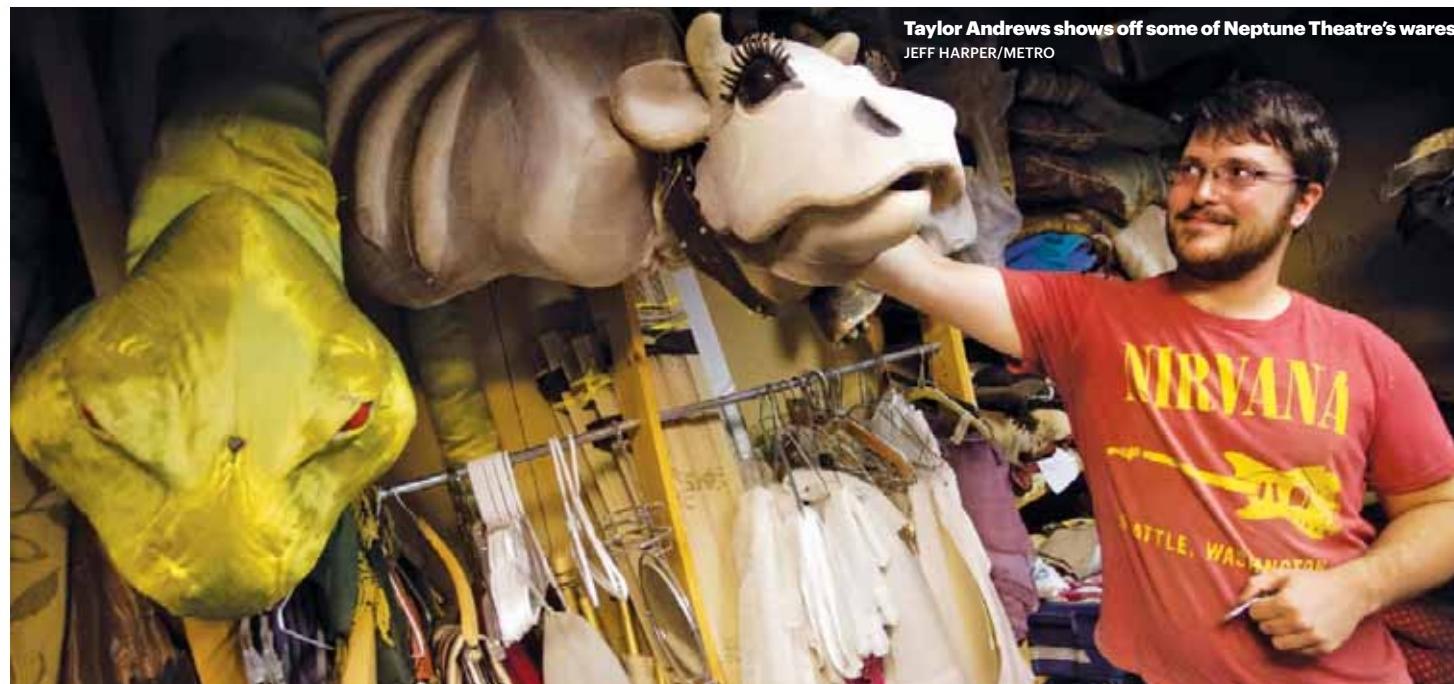
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**POLITICS**  
**Watts calls  
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Coun. Jennifer Watts hopes the next municipal election will lead to more diversity on council.

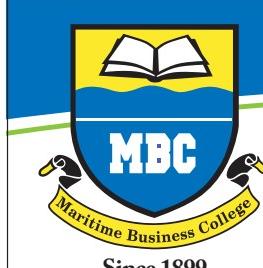
"The council is white, it's predominately male (and) it's predominately older," she said Wednesday. "This may be an opportunity to have more diversity represented in the council."

In a newsletter posted Wednesday morning, Watts announced she will not be running in the next municipal election, October 2016. The Halifax Peninsula North councillor said she had only ever planned to run for two terms.

"It's on the principle that I think it is important to step aside," said Watts.

"It's hard to defeat an incumbent, and I think there's real value in looking at people coming forward."

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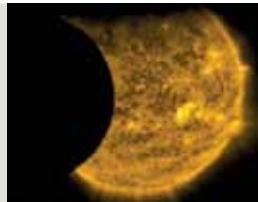




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# 'The case hasn't been made' for development: Committee

## HERITAGE HOUSE

### Some fear new addition could damage site, ruin sightlines

 **Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

A proposed development on Hollis Street will go before Halifax city council with no recommendation from the city's Heritage Advisory Committee.

At its meeting Wednesday, the committee was evenly split — five to five — on whether to recommend Halifax Regional Council approve a proposed addition to the historic Benjamin Wier House at 1459 Hollis St.

The proposed addition would be a six-storey, mixed-use commercial and residential structure cutting off a small addition in the back of the building made in the late 1800s, and cantilevering over the back of the existing two and a half storey, four-unit commercial building.

The completed project

would look like two separate structures from the street, but would be joined in the middle, with a passageway through the heritage building into the addition.

Two dormers in the back would have to be removed, along with the 1800s addition and some balconies.

City staff's assessment of the project said the proposal — put forward by the W M Fares Group — failed to meet six of 12 standards for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

Despite that, staff recommended the committee approve the proposal.

"If it fails a standard, it should fail," said Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia research committee chair Elizabeth Pacey during the meeting Wednesday.

Pacey sent a letter to the committee urging it to reject the proposal based on its failure to meet the standards.

The committee's vice-chair, Jason Cooke, disagreed with Pacey that failing on one standard should be enough to reject it, but said, "the case hasn't been made" as to why the development should go forward.

**To have something which is more than twice as large, attached and cantilevering over, is in no way subordinate to or compatible with the building.**

Elizabeth Pacey, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia



**Top picture:** Historic house at 1459 Hollis St. is shown Wednesday. **Bottom right:** An artist's rendering of the addition proposed by the W M Fares Group. JEFF HARPER/METRO; CONTRIBUTED

For Cooke, and others on the committee, the big sticking point was the cantilevering, which would extend seven feet out over the existing building.

There was concern among the committee members that snow and ice could build up under that section, causing

damage to the roof of the heritage building, and that the overhang would be visible from the street.

Coun. David Hendsbee — one of two councillors on the committee, but the only one in attendance Wednesday — voted in favour of the proposal.



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT

# Rockingstone Heights' Early Years success inspires trustees

 **Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

The benefits of the Early Years Centre at one Halifax school have some school board members hoping to see more funding to help others.

During the first Halifax Regional School Board meeting of the year, the principal of Rockingstone Heights School

and the lead for the Early Years program presented their successes with the centre since it opened last April.

"If we support families as one, we can create success for all members of the family," Early Years lead Renee Forbes told the board.

Leanne March, Rockingstone principal, added that the centre sees 18 children from babies to four-year-olds for their programming, plus many more families

**I'd love to see it in so many other schools.**

HRSB member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison

that come to use various services.

Rockingstone was one of four HRSB schools that got provincial funding to support overall development," Forbes said.

fore they head to school and provide services in one place, March said, which is especially important in the Greystone public housing community, where she said many struggle with poverty and limited access to recreation, mental health and medical services.

"Families and children already come to our school. It makes sense to bring the health and social services to support overall development," Forbes added.

Besides simple reading and math skills, Forbes said kids are also encouraged to follow their interests, whether it be studying

grasshoppers or other activities.

The introduction to the school environment before kids are five also takes out "the tears" of that first day of school and has brought in a much calmer environment, Forbes said.

After hearing the presentation, board member Christy Linders said 18 kids in a pre-primary program when over 3,500 come into the school system each year means more should have the same opportunity.

LAWRENCE PETER MACLEAN

# Man who murdered his wife gets unescorted prison leaves

A Nova Scotia man who admitted to murdering his wife has been granted a series of unescorted temporary absences from prison.

Lawrence Peter MacLean, a 53-year-old from Scotchtown, was sentenced in November 2006 to life in prison after pleading guilty to the second-degree murder of his wife, Delores Camellia (Penney),

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**Although MacLean was sentenced in 2006 to serve a minimum of 12 years in prison before being eligible for parole, last week the Parole Board of Canada approved him for 12 absences of 72 hours, to an undisclosed halfway house.**

MacLean, 42, in December 2004. The nude remains of the mother of five were found in a wooded area near the family home in Scotchtown. An autopsy determined she had been strangled.

MacLean was ordered to serve a minimum of 12 years before becoming eligible for parole.

A two-member panel of the Parole Board of Canada approved the absences after a hearing last week. MacLean is now eligible for 12 separate 72-hour absences to an undisclosed halfway house over the next year.

Among the conditions imposed on MacLean, he is to report all sexual and non-sexual relationships involving women to his parole officer; he is to abstain from consuming, purchasing and possessing alcohol; and he is directed not to have any contact, direct or indirect, with any members

## + LEVEL OF RISK

Risk assessments completed on Lawrence Peter MacLean in 2012 and 2015 indicate a low range for risk to reoffend provided he remain alcohol free.

MacLean was noted as completing a number of programs while in prison and only recorded one prison infraction — possession of cigarettes and a lighter.

He has already completed more than 40 escorted temporary absences.

of the victim's family.

At the time of the offence, MacLean claimed to have no memory of what occurred and still maintains such a position today.

TC MEDIA



Members of the military police explosives disposal unit conduct their investigation near the entrance to Rainbow Gate at CFB Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Bomb techs called in for suspect package

## INVESTIGATION

### Area at Halifax dockyard reopened after several hours



**Zane  
Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

CFB Halifax public affairs officer Mike Bonin said late Wednesday morning that the area had been "made safe," and was now reopened.

Earlier in the day, an area near Rainbow Gate at HMC Dockyard was cordoned off as military police investigated the suspicious package, which was found at about 7:10 a.m.

Bonin said just after 10 a.m. that there had been a detonation, but would not confirm later that the suspicious package itself was detonated.

"There's a variety of methods the explosives ordinance team have to disrupt items,

**“There’s a variety of methods the explosives ordinance team have to disrupt items.”**  
Mike Bonin, CFB Halifax

and they chose one of their methods today," he said.

Bonin could not confirm any details about the package, and said military police had begun their investigation.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

# Toronto police nab convicted rapist on run from Dartmouth

A convicted rapist who was on the lam has been picked up by police in Ontario, and was expected to be in Dartmouth provincial court on Wednesday to face charges of breach of recognizance.

According to a Tuesday police release, the Toronto Police Service arrested 23-year-old Cody Charles Lemoine on Saturday after he failed to appear in court last Thursday.

Halifax police travelled to Toronto to pick Lemoine up on Tuesday.

He faces six counts of breach of recognizance, four counts of breach of a peace bond and two counts of breach of probation, on top of charges of assault stemming from an incident in Dartmouth in June.

Police say Lemoine has multiple past convictions including forcible confinement and sexual assault in relation to the rape of a jogger at Shubie Park in 2011.

He was sentenced to 4-1/2 years in federal prison.

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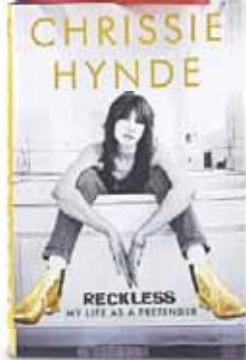
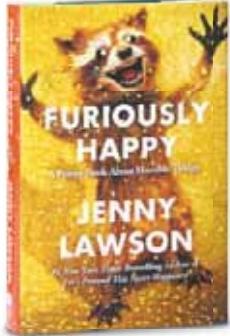
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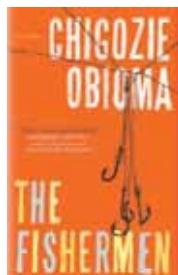
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## REAL ESTATE

# Realtors uneasy over registry proposal

The Nova Scotia Association of Realtors says privatizing the public land registry could mean higher fees for home buyers.

The association says it's concerned the provincial government's proposal could also make data less publicly available and reduce access to services if approved.

President Gord Burns says the cost of legal and surveyor services related to home-

buying could also go up as providers pass on increased fees to buyers.

The government said in July it is looking at off-loading the costs of upgrading its registry services for land, businesses and motor vehicles by partnering with the private sector.

If approved, the province has said, the companies would provide registry services for Nova Scotians, while the government would be responsible

for regulating the registries and setting fees.

Burns says the association's concerns are based on the effect of privatization in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

"Realtors in Nova Scotia believe that the possibility of home ownership is a fundamental right," he said in a news release.

"Anything that would hinder people from purchasing or selling a home, such as higher

## + ASSOCIATION

The group represents more than 1,600 brokers, salespeople and other members across Nova Scotia.

fees or lack of access to public data, is something that our members are very concerned about." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia says 51.2 million people globally have been forced to leave their homes.

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# Group seeks to privatize sponsorship

## CITY HALL

## Session held to discuss ways residents can help refugees

**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro Halifax

No one is a refugee by choice.

Evelyn Jones of the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS) emphasized this on Wednesday, as she led an information session on private refugee sponsorship.

"We see a wide range of people who come to Canada as refugees," Jones told those attending the afternoon session inside Halifax City Hall.

Gerry Mills, the director of operations for the association, says there has been a lot of public attention directed towards refugees — particularly those from Syria.

"I think (Alan Kurdi) was the catalyst, but I think there has been a lot of media interest building up to that and certainly afterwards," said Mills.

According to the association, 51.2 million people internationally have been forced to leave their homes.

More than 16 million of those people are refugees.

Wednesday's meeting was aimed at people with an interest in helping refugees settle into Nova Scotia through a private sponsorship. In others words, groups of people can come together and raise funds to help a refugee family or individual during their first year in Canada.

"It's literally picking people up from the airport," Mills explained. "You help them to get their social insurance number, their health cards (and) all those settlement pieces."

Groups of friends or colleagues must go through a hefty application process in order to sponsor refugees.

Mills said applications will have a better chance of being accepted if the group goes through a sponsorship agreement holder, such as the association.

"We've been heartened by the response," said Mills.

More information sessions on private refugee sponsorship are scheduled for Sept. 29 and Oct. 6.

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# Watts' decision not to run a loss to council: Mayor

CITY HALL

**North-end councillor's approach, work ethic lauded**

**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

Mayor Mike Savage said Jennifer Watts' absence will be felt at Halifax City Hall.

The two-term councillor for north-end Halifax announced Wednesday that she will not be running in the 2016 municipal election.

"Whether I run again or not, it would have been nice to see her continue," Savage said. "She's a very unique, capable and progressive member of council."

In Wednesday's statement, Watts said she had only ever planned to run for two terms if she was successful.

"It's important to allow for new leadership to come forward," Watts said later that day in an interview with Metro.

Savage wasn't surprised by Watts' announcement—he was aware of her commitment to run only twice—which Watts recently confirmed with Savage.

"She's got a year to change her mind," he joked.

Savage said he will miss Watts at council meetings due to her team-oriented approach.

"She was respectful of all other



Coun. Jennifer Watts says she hopes to continue in public service, even after her time on council. JEFF HARPER/METRO

**There's incredible capacity, I think — particularly at the municipal level — to respond to the interests and desires of residents.** Coun. Jennifer Watts

councillors," he said.

"She always made her points and made them effectively, but

in a very respectful way.

"I think anyone who aspires to public service would do well

to follow that approach."

Watts said she has learned a lot over her seven years on council. She was first elected in 2008 and won again in 2012.

"There's been some very difficult and challenging decisions," Watts said, "but I've also seen some really incredible things happen."

Watts emphasized that the

end of her time on council will not be the end of her public service.

"We can all do work in our place," she said. "I see people in the district doing amazing things."

Going forward, Watts hopes residents continue to engage with council, ask questions and challenge decisions.

MISSING MAN

**'Difficult' terrain impedes search**

 **Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Despite "extremely difficult" terrain preventing searchers from working at night, RCMP remain optimistic a missing West Jeddore man can still be found.

On Wednesday, Halifax District RCMP spokesman Cpl. Greg Church said Eastern Shore Ground Search and Rescue, Halifax Regional Police and RCMP continued to help in the search for Wayne Leonard Baker, last seen at his West Jeddore Road home on Sunday.

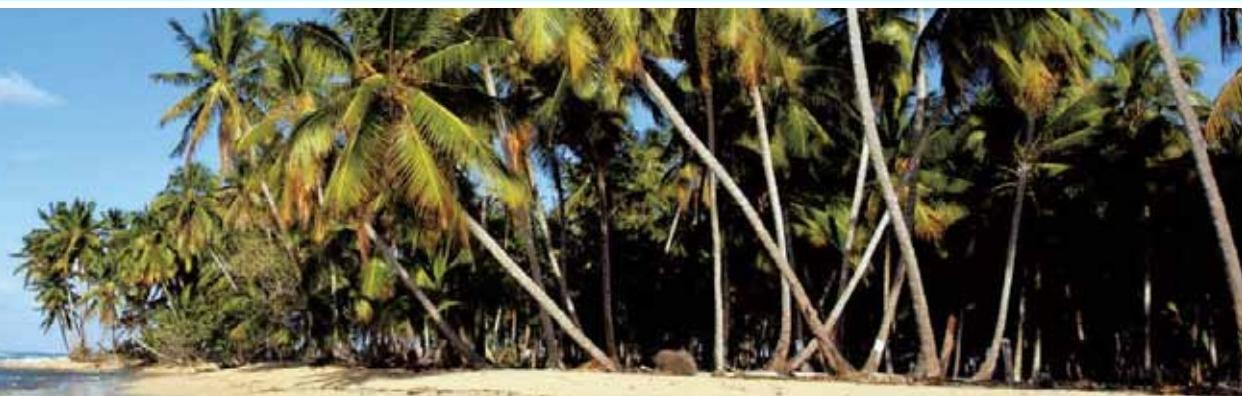
"They found last night it was an extremely difficult search area," Church said. "They're going to maximize their resources in daylight hours."

The search began Monday after police in Musquodoboit Harbour received a call at 9:20 a.m. that Baker, a 61-year-old, was last seen at his home just before 5 a.m. Sunday. Church said the evidence gathered so far has led police to believe that Baker is in the area.



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## LABOUR

## Jazz flight attendants ratify deal

Flight attendants at Jazz Aviation have ratified a 10-year agreement with the airline, which is the largest regional carrier for Air Canada.

The subsidiary of Chorus Aviation said the contract with about 820 flight attendants is consistent with its new capacity purchase agreement with Air Canada announced in January.

It provides long-term labour stability, productivity enhancements and a movement to competitive labour costs.

Canadian Flight Attendant Union president Trevor Beattie said the deal, which expires Dec. 31, 2025, makes Jazz more cost competitive with other regional carriers, including WestJet Encore and those operating under Air Canada's Express brand.

Among other things, the union has agreed to a new entry-level wage. Existing flight attendants will also receive two per cent annual wage increases through the life of the contract.

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# Father defends slain son

CRIME

## Man killed while allegedly tampering with lobster traps

Sitting on the back porch of a small home with a panoramic view of the North Atlantic, fly swatter in hand, 89-year-old Gerald Boudreau admits his son Philip was no angel.

"Philip was a good boy, but he stole here and there," he says with a thick Acadian accent and a shrug. "But not big things. If he had money, he'd give it to you."

It's been more than two years since Boudreau's 43-year-old son disappeared at sea, the victim of a violent confrontation on Petit-de-Grat harbour, within sight of the family home at the southern tip of Cape Breton.

Earlier this week, local lobster boat captain Dwayne Samson — the last of four people charged in Philip Boudreau's death — was sentenced to 10 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to manslaughter.



The boat that Phillip Boudreau was on before his death is pictured on Nov. 18, 2014.

ALY THOMSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In an agreed statement of facts, Samson admitted he was steering the fishing boat Twin Maggies when it struck Philip Boudreau's speedboat in Mackerel Cove on June 1, 2013 — the last day he was seen alive.

The statement says Samson and one of his deckhands, Jo-

seph James Landry, believed they saw Philip Boudreau in a small boat tampering with the traps they were planning to haul up that morning.

Landry fired four shots at Boudreau, hitting him once in the leg. Samson then used the Twin Maggies to ram the

boat three times, tossing him into the water.

The statement says Landry hooked Boudreau with a gaff, and Samson steamed out to sea, where Boudreau's body was dumped in about 20 metres of water.

His body has yet to be found.

The case attracted national attention late last year when a Crown prosecutor said Landry's case amounted to "murder for lobster." Landry was convicted by a jury of manslaughter and sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Samson did not testify at his sentencing hearing this week, but his wife Carla told court Boudreau had admitted to her that he was responsible for repeatedly cutting lobster traps.

That allegation was never proven in court.

Gerald Boudreau bristles when asked if his son damaged his neighbour's fishing gear.

"I never heard of that," he says, the sound of rolling surf welling up from the nearby beach where his son used to walk his dog. "The opposition says that ... He didn't deserve that at all."

However, Boudreau said lobster fisherman have been cutting each other's traps — usually in disputes over fishing territory — for as long as there's been a lobster fishery.

"It's over money, sure," says Boudreau, a fisherman for more than 50 years who also worked in construction.

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## IN BRIEF

### Truro councillor has fraud charges held over

A Truro town councillor had fraud-related charges adjourned until after a court date on similar charges in another jurisdiction.

Greg MacArthur, who is facing 34 counts of fraud and three of breach of trust by a public officer, had his matters before Judge Warren Zimmer adjourned until Oct. 28. Ron Chisholm appeared in provincial court in Truro on Wednesday on behalf of Stan MacDonald, the solicitor on record for MacArthur. He told Judge Zimmer "important matters" are happening in Pictou, and requested the adjournment until after MacArthur's next appearance there. MacArthur is facing 28 counts of fraud in Pictou County, two counts of fraud in Halifax Regional Municipality, as well as four counts of fraud in Colchester County. There is one charge of breach of trust by a public officer laid in each of the three counties. The alleged fraudulent activity was said to take place between November 2013 and August 2014, and totals \$5,700. TC MEDIA

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Taylor Dyon, assistant scenic artist, paints some pieces for the upcoming production of *Great Expectations*. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Helping shows come to life

## BACKSTAGE PASS

### Inside Neptune Theatre's workshop and prop room

**Aly Thomson**  
For Metro | Halifax

Inside a grandiose tickle trunk on Creighton Street lives the car from *Grease*, the Apollo sign from *Buddy*: The Buddy Holly Story and a cutout of the Khyber Building from *A Christmas Carol*.

The red brick warehouse is where the stage props from Neptune Theatre productions are stored, and where the sets are built.

Whether it be a Santa costume, a quill pen or a staircase, the building is bursting with miscellaneous items, waiting for their turn to hit the stage.

Taylor Andrews, Nep-

tune's head scenic carpenter, says the workshop crew starts building sets months in advance of the show.

"It's pretty cool when you're in the audience on opening night and you hear people reacting to something mechanical the set does that you built and made happen. That's a special feeling," says Andrews, wearing a sawdust-covered Nirvana T-shirt.

On a humid late summer day, the front garage doors of the former bottling facility are wide open and music is blaring over the speakers inside the main floor workshop.

A paint-spattered woman is standing on a ladder, making sweeping brush strokes on a massive textured canvas, now being used as a backdrop on the set of *Great Expectations*.

There's an energy slicing through the sawdust-sprinkled air.

"It's a fun job. You're al-



Jack Welsh adjusts an iron maiden in Neptune Theatre's prop warehouse. JEFF HARPER/METRO

ways building a completely new and unique piece," says scenic carpenter Jack Welsh. "It's unlike anything else. You're helping each show come to life."

Up a set of unfinished wooden stairs, hundreds of assorted stage props — some of which have sat in the warehouse for 25 years — fill shelves and clothing racks.

Several gold and silver chandeliers and large Easter

Island-style stone faces hang from the ceiling next to refrigerators and stoves from various decades.

Ice skates hang from the wall next to a butterfly net. An alien doll strapped to a rocket ship is lying on the floor next to a pair of old boxing gloves and a rusty two-man saw.

There are rows upon rows of chairs, trunks, books, carriage wheels, linen and costumes for every occasion.

The items make their way to the warehouse in a variety of ways. Neptune staff have contacts who can often satisfy their unusual requests, while other times Kijiji is perused for props.

"We just keep an eye out for things we need and if we think it will be useful again, it stays," says Andrews, who had planned on becoming a doctor before falling in love with theatre tech.

And if they can't find it,

## OPEN HOUSE

The Neptune Theatre yard sale is on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., rain or shine, at 2245 Creighton St. The open house runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., also at Neptune Theatre.

they build it.

"We're problem-solvers," he says, standing next to a cow head. "For Mary Poppins, we needed a dumb-waiter. So I had to weld a steel elevator that would lift the kids up the chimney."

But every once in a while, the repository needs purging.

This Saturday, people will have a chance to purchase some of the Neptune memorabilia at a yard sale at the warehouse. A mishmash of items will be up for sale, including costumes, props and fabrics.

Saturday is also Neptune's open house, in which people can explore the facility and check out some local retailers, who will be set up throughout the building.

**It's a fun job. You're always building a completely new and unique piece.**

Scenic carpenter Jack Welsh



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## VOTER PROFILE

**Name:** Melanie Hnatyshyn **Age:** 31 **Riding:** Calgary Centre  
**Her issues:** Refugees, energy, education, Senate reform

## Pondering change in Conservative country



**ROSEMARY WESTWOOD  
in Calgary**

Melanie Hnatyshyn sits in the shadows of dozens of glassy downtown-Calgary highrises, in the financial heart of the oil industry, in a riding that's voted some shade of conservative blue for decades, and ponders change.

"I would say, yeah, I would say we need change. Sometimes just a new face, just maybe a new leader," she says, almost with a note of surprise.

Her tone is understandable, given the entrenched views of a city where, as she describes it, many inherit politics like they inherit family heirlooms.

Hnatyshyn (the "H" is silent) was born in Winnipeg and moved to Calgary for university. At 31, well into her career — she's a development engineer for a major energy company — and despite Calgary's progressive mayor, Naheed Nenshi, Hnatyshyn says some of her friends are wary of discussing alternate political views in a culture attached to the idea that federal right-wing politics are best for business.

"They feel like they can't maybe openly discuss things with the typical person in

Calgary. That Conservative majority is just so prevalent."

Hnatyshyn hasn't decided who to vote for, or whether she's willing to vote strategically, but she has a shortlist of issues she's watching.

The first is the refugee crisis. She's heard how many Syrians the various leaders propose to bring in, but wants more detail on the plans, and fuller explanation of the Conservatives' response thus far. "If it's driven by economics and budget, it'd be nice if they explained that," she says.

A pragmatist and self-identified planner, Hnatyshyn's also looking for a party with a well-rounded vision for the future of the energy industry — one that offers more stability. "In the U.S., they're not as affected by the low oil prices as we are in Canada. They're trying to be energy independent and have a long-term view and have secure jobs, whereas Canada seems to be at the whim of the fluctuations of oil and gas market prices."

She'd also like politicians to tackle the imbalance between university costs and employment prospects. She'd like to see a strategic, and once again, long-term look at education and how to

better funnel young people into paths that offer prospects, instead of joblessness or low-skilled work.

She mentions, finally, the tangled issue of Senate reform. She watched spokespeople for the three major parties discuss the subject on the news the other day.

"It seemed like all of them wanted to do something about reforming the Senate, but no one was holding themselves to any promises. You feel like if nobody's going to take a stand on the Senate, what does that say about all the parties? Politics on top of politics."

Aside from what each party is saying they'll do, Hnatyshyn is also trying to figure out how much she can trust politicians to deliver. She wonders about the Conservatives' about-face on fast-tracking Syrian refugees. But it's also informing her voting strategy. "Keep your mind open, because I don't know, maybe some of the parties will be more flexible depending on what they think people want to hear, right up until the election."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. Tomorrow she's in Edmonton.

# Arts 'ignored' on economic stage

## POLICY

### Funding cuts prevail despite surge in GDP

**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

A familiar cloud of disappointment settles in for George Pothitos in what's shaping up to be yet another federal election with little mention of the arts on Canada's economic stage.

While the prime ministerial hopefuls travel the country, shaking hands and promising new economic growth, the award-winning artistic director of Neptune Theatre in Halifax busies himself with the latest production of the classic, Great Expectations.

But when the soft-spoken Pothitos sits down to discuss what's at stake when funding for the arts is largely ignored from the policy agenda, he pleads a business case, not a poem.

"We're not some handout," he says.

"The perception that it's charity has to cease. We have to look at (arts) as an investment."

In the past nine years, Pothitos says, the theatre's funding from the Canada Council for the Arts has been cut as the pool of money remains stagnant.

Arts and culture funding briefly flared up as an election issue in 2008 in response to the Conservatives having made nearly \$45 million in cuts.

"It's typical to see the arts



Performers appear on stage at Halifax's Neptune Theatre.

JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

more or less ignored, for some reason," explains Jeff MacLeod, a professor of political studies at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Leaders of all political stripes "don't embrace (arts), they don't see it reflected in the population or the electorate, he says, "so there's no political gain; therefore, it dies from policy neglect."

Earlier this week, Liberal leader Justin Trudeau announced that investment in the Canada Council for the Arts would double to \$360 million per year under a Liberal government, with \$150 million extra invested in CBC/Radio Canada.

But, Pothitos says, "sometimes giving money to the CBC and to Canada Council isn't quite enough."

George Pothitos

Another report, by the Canadian Arts Coalition, claims the arts sector was responsible for \$48 billion dollars' worth of GDP in 2010, and employed 650,000 people across the country — just under four per cent of the country's total employment.

MacLeod agrees, explaining that a truly healthy arts policy would devise ways to nurture a base of creative minds. One idea he offers is a national strategy to hire art teachers in schools.

The risk, he warns, is a loss of Canadian culture itself.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### What art means to the economy

**\$36,300**  
Average Canadian Income

VS

**\$22,700**  
Average Canadian arts-worker income

**10 MILLION**  
Canadians visited galleries and museums in 2010

**60%** of Canadians attended a live music event, theatre performance or cultural festival in 2010

**\$153.7 MILLION**  
in grants was doled out by the Canada Council for the Arts to artists and organizations across the country in 2013-2014

Canadians spent

**\$1.4 BILLION**  
on live performing arts

VS

**\$600 MILLION**  
on live sporting events

SOURCES:  
CANADA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS  
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## Fahmy finally freed

**EGYPT**

### Imprisoned Canadian granted pardon

Nearly two years after his arrest in Egypt on widely denounced terrorism charges, Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy walked out of prison a free man Wednesday, following a presidential pardon.

Fahmy and his colleague and co-accused Baher Mohamed were among 100 people — including dozens of prominent human rights activists — pardoned by President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

"I am free! This time for real! Cops dropped me at CAC my old high school in my prison



**Journalist Mohamed Fahmy hugs his wife Marwa Omara after being released in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday.**

AMR NABIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

lieve it."

"We have not digested the fact that we are free; we don't have to worry about anything else," he said. "Our families

garb. Party Time! #FreeAJStaff" Fahmy tweeted moments after his release.

Speaking later to reporters, Fahmy said he still "can't be-

have suffered so much since the beginning of this trial and we're very happy that el-Sissi took this action and released us."

His wife, Marwa Omara, said she was visiting Fahmy in prison when she learned the news of his pardon from a TV set that was on.

"I was scared for his health from too much joy," she said, adding that the first thing they plan to do is have a large wedding party to celebrate their recent marriage.

Once he leaves Egypt, Fahmy has said he plans to take up a position as an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia's school of journalism in Vancouver. He is also writing a book about his experiences.

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## 'I still live to challenge governments'

Mohamed Fahmy has been celebrated as a journalist, denounced as a terrorist and described as a bargaining chip in a complex power struggle among Middle Eastern countries.

Yet whether he was accepting

international awards for his investigative reporting or shedding light on a political maelstrom by voicing his more personal struggles, the 41-year-old has remained staunchly committed to what he views as the

bedrock of his chosen field. "I try in my journey as a journalist not to obsessively take on the role of an agent of democratic change usually embraced by many members of our prestigious fourth es-

tate. But, I still live to challenge governments in their shortcomings through my craft," Fahmy wrote in a message delivered to the advocacy group Canadian Journalists for Free Expression.

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### Mulcair clarifies stance on niqabs

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair is urging tolerance and a calmer discussion about face coverings when applying for Canadian citizenship.

In a speech Wednesday, he said he backs a requirement that women show their faces at some point in the citizenship process — but not at the citizenship ceremony, as the Conservatives would hope.

"I understand that many view the niqab as a symbol of the oppression of women."

"And on that, let me be clear: No one has the right to tell a woman what she must — or must not — wear," Mulcair said.

"I am in agreement with the existing rule under which anyone seeking citizenship must uncover their face to identify themselves before swearing the oath, in accordance with their religious beliefs."

The Conservatives want women to be required to show their faces not only at a point during the process of applying for citizenship, but also during the citizenship ceremony itself.

The federal government is fighting a court ruling that threw out the requirement for uncovered faces at citizenship ceremonies.

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#### WHERE THE LEADERS ARE THURSDAY



- Conservative Leader Stephen Harper, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and Green Leader Elizabeth May will all be in Montreal to participate in the French-language leaders' debate. Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe will also be taking part.

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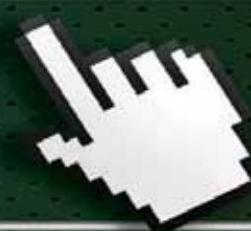


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# Rape-kit bag left in doorway

PATRICK KANE CASE

**Lawyer for accuser alleges evidence tampering**

The lawyer for a woman alleging she was sexually assaulted by Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane said Wednesday that an empty evidence bag was improperly left in the doorway of the woman's mother's home.

Thomas Eoannou said the bag at one point contained the rape kit used when the woman reported that she had been assaulted.

"Something seriously has gone amiss," Eoannou said.

Eoannou said the mother made the bizarre discovery when she came home from work for lunch on Tuesday afternoon. She found the bag folded up between a storm door and her front door, he said. "It could have been there a day and a half," he said, because the woman used the back door when she left for work that morning.



**Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane.**

JOE RAYMOND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I have never seen an evidence bag outside of a police lab, a prosecutor's office or a court room, let alone find one in a doorway of a rape victim's mother's home," he said.

Eoannou said he wants the FBI or state police to probe how the bag left the custody of investigators. It's not clear how the bag got to the mother's home or what effect it may have on the investigation, he said.

"We're hoping to find out how this happened and who had the incentive to modify or tamper with the evidence," he said. Eoannou said he hoped the person who delivered the bag would come forward.

Police have been investigating since the alleged Aug. 2 incident at Kane's off-season home in suburban Buffalo. Kane has not been charged.

Kane did not travel to Detroit with the rest of his team on Wednesday.

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door and her front door, he said. "It could have been there a day and a half," he said, because the woman used the back door when she left for work that morning.

He said the bag is authentic, labelled with personal identifying information for the woman, details on where the rape kit was used and the initials of the nurses who administered the kit.



**Lawyer Thomas Eoannou holds up, at a news conference on Wednesday in Buffalo, N.Y., what he says is an empty evidence bag left improperly at a home.**

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## Thousands cheer Pope on streets of Washington

Cheered by jubilant crowds across the U.S. capital, Pope Francis forged common cause Wednesday with President Barack Obama on climate change, immigration and inequality, as the popular pontiff signalled he would not sidestep issues that have deeply divided Americans.

On his first full day in the

United States, the Pope also reached out to America's 450 bishops, many of whom have struggled to come to terms with his new social justice-minded direction for the Catholic Church. He gently prodded the bishops to forgo "harsh and divisive language," while commanding their "courage" in

the face of the church's sexual abuse scandal — rhetoric that angered victims he may meet with later in his trip.

Excited crowds lined streets near the White House to catch a glimpse of the smiling and waving Francis as he passed by in his open-air "popemobile."

In keeping with his reputa-

tion as the "people's pope," Francis kept Obama and other dignitaries at the White House waiting so he could spend time greeting schoolchildren outside the Vatican's diplomatic mission where he spent the night.

Later, speaking in soft, halting English, Francis said that as the son of an immigrant

family, he was "happy to be a guest in this country, which was largely built by such families." The Argentine Pope was born to Italian parents who left their home country before he was born, and he has been a forceful advocate for humane treatment of migrants.

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**DATA BREACH**  
**U.S. thinks hackers are from China**

The number of people applying for or receiving security clearances whose fingerprint images were stolen in one of the worst U.S. government data breaches is now believed to be 5.6 million, not 1.1 million as first thought, the Office of Personnel Management announced Wednesday.

The agency was the victim of what the U.S. believes was a Chinese espionage operation that affected an estimated 21.5 million current and former federal employees or job applicants. The theft could give Chinese intelligence a huge leg up in recruiting informants inside the U.S. government, experts believe. It also could help the Chinese identify U.S. spies abroad, according to American officials.

The White House has said it's going to discuss cybersecurity with Chinese President Xi Jinping when he visits President Barack Obama later this week. The administration has not publicly blamed China or taken any public action in retaliation for the hack. Intelligence officials have called the data a fair intelligence target, one the U.S. would pursue if it had the chance.

OPM says the ability of an adversary to misuse fingerprint data is limited, though an agency statement acknowledged that "this probability could change over time as technology evolves."

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# EU chief urges end to 'chaos'

**REFUGEE CRISIS**

## Squabbling nations told to co-operate, secure borders

European Union President Donald Tusk urged divided EU nations to set aside their differences and work together to secure the bloc's borders as Europe struggles with its biggest refugee emergency in decades.

About half a million people have fled to Europe so far this year in search of sanctuary or jobs. As numbers swell, nations have tightened border security. Hungary has a razor-wire fence along its border with Serbia.

Countries in eastern Europe with little recent experience of migration are trading barbs over who is to blame, while Balkans neighbours Serbia and Croatia — who were at war

**“The current ‘migration policy’ is a sum of despair of the victims fleeing war and persecution ... of the cynicism of the smuggler.”**

European Union President Donald Tusk

in the early 1990s — issued threats and ultimatums.

“We must prepare a concrete plan, which must finally appear in place of the arguments and the chaos we have witnessed in the last weeks,” Tusk told reporters before chairing the summit.

“The most urgent question we should ask ourselves tonight is how to regain control of our external borders. Other-

wise it does not make sense to even speak of a common European migration policy.”

As the leaders headed to Brussels, a further 5,000 migrants were converging on the Austrian border with Hungary, police said.

Serbia, meanwhile, gave EU member Croatia an ultimatum to reopen its border for all cargo transport by midnight Wednesday or face unspecified retaliation.

Among the outstanding issues that Tusk, the summit’s official host, wants addressed is increasing assistance to EU member nations that are receiving the brunt of the refugee influx, and improving co-operation with non-EU countries in the Balkans and Turkey, which is now home to almost two million migrants — many of whom have fled Syria’s civil war.

Tusk also wants to discuss diplomatic efforts to end the Syria conflict. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**MIDDLE EAST**

## Syrian rebels fear defection

U.S.-trained rebels who recently returned to Syria said Wednesday they have lost contact with one of their officers and that they are investigating reports that he defected and handed over his weapons to al-Qaida’s branch in the country.

The U.S. military said it had no indication that any U.S.-trained fighters have defected.

The allegations come only days after the group of about 70 rebels returned to Syria after training in Turkey as part of the U.S. program to train and

equip rebels to take part in the fight against the Islamic State group.

Defection among the ranks of U.S.-trained rebels would be an embarrassment to the program, which has already been criticized as offering too little too late and failing to provide enough protection for those trained rebels once inside Syria. The selected rebels are said to undergo a thorough vetting process.

U.S. officials have begun an overhaul of the efforts, in-

cluding suggesting that the newly trained fighters operate as the New Syrian Forces, or NSF, alongside Syrian Kurds, Sunni Arab and other anti-Islamic State forces.

The U.S. Central Command confirmed Monday the graduates have re-entered Syria with their weapons and equipment and were to operate alongside existing western-allied forces.

Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said any accounts of a defection are “patently false.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



People arrive on the Greek island of Lesbos during rainfall Wednesday, after crossing the Aegean Sea from Turkey on an inflatable dinghy. PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**IN BRIEF**

**Cholera outbreak in Iraq**  
War-weary Iraq is struggling with a growing cholera outbreak.

As of Tuesday, at least 54 cases had been confirmed in Baghdad, as well as in the southern provinces of Najaf, Diwaniyah, Babil and Samawah, a Health Ministry spokesman said.

The cause lies partially with Iraq’s antiquated and badly maintained water and sewage systems.

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**UN Ebola response to continue into 2016**

The United Nations says it’s now planning for Ebola response activities to last into 2016, suggesting the battle against the virus won’t be over by year-end after all.

In a report released Wednesday by the World Health Organization and its humanitarian partners, health officials said that there are plans for the Ebola response to continue until midyear 2016.

The report comes as Sierra Leone and Guinea struggle with a resurgence of cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SKY WATCH**

## Moon to put on a rare double

**2018**

**There won't be another total lunar eclipse until 2018.**

will look bigger and brighter than usual. In fact, it will be the closest full moon of the year, about 30,000 miles closer than the average distance. (The moon’s orbit is far from a perfect circle.)

The full eclipse of the moon will last more than an hour and be visible, weather permitting, from North and South America, Europe, Africa and western Asia.

This weekend’s eclipse marks the end of a tetrad, or series of four total lunar eclipses set six months apart. This series began in April 2014.

The 21st century will see eight of these tetrads, an uncommonly good run. From 1600 to 1900, there were none. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Ad blockers hit revenues

## INTERNET

## Websites worry commercials could vanish like pop-ups

When you visit a website, you often find yourself waiting and waiting for advertisements to load. It doesn't have to be this way. There are easy ways to block such annoyances, and Apple is now permitting apps that block ads in its Web browser for iPhones and iPads.

All this might help users navigate, but it also threatens the livelihood of websites and publishers that depend heavily on advertising revenue — companies like Google, Hulu and The New York Times. While the rise in ad blocking isn't causing panic yet, publishers and content creators are watching.

Already, some websites are taking steps to reduce the annoyance so users won't turn to ad blockers.

"It is possible to be too alarmist about ad blockers, but it's a very real phenomenon,"



**Programs that block advertisements in browsers are threatening the livelihood of those that depend heavily on advertising revenue.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

said Joshua Benton, director of the Nieman Journalism Lab at Harvard University.

It's one thing if just five per cent of iPhone users install an ad blocker; it's another if 80 per cent do, Benton said. If today's ad practices get too annoying, he said, they could

**It is possible to be too alarmist ... but it's a very real phenomenon.**

Joshua Benton

disappear just like pop-up windows, which many browsers now block automatically in response to consumers' annoyance with them.

PageFair, a firm that seeks to counter ad blockers, says worldwide usage of ad blockers grew 41 per cent from last year

to nearly 200 million people. That's six per cent of Internet users worldwide, including 16 per cent in the U.S., 37 per cent in Greece and 25 per cent in Germany. PageFair estimates these tools will block nearly \$22 billion US in ad revenue this year and \$41 billion US next year.

The threats to websites are about to get bigger. The ability to block ads, long available on traditional computers, arrived on Apple's mobile devices with a recent software update, iOS 9.

Google's Android system also allows ad blockers in Web browsers such as Firefox, as long as they don't affect unrelated apps.

Many websites already have countermeasures for ad blockers. Hulu, for instance, simply replaces commercials with an unskippable message.

Meanwhile, some companies are paying developers of ad blockers such as Adblock Plus for the right to bypass them. Companies that benefit a lot from search ads, like Google and Microsoft, pay for the privilege, the Financial Times reported.

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## COPYRIGHT LAW

## Birthday song free for all

The music publishing company that has been collecting royalties on the song Happy Birthday To You for years does not hold a valid copyright on the lyrics to the tune that is one of the mostly widely sung in the world, a U.S. judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge George H. King determined the song's original copyright, obtained by the Clayton F. Summy Co. from the song's writers, covered only the tune's musical arrangement and not the lyrics.

King's decision comes in a lawsuit filed two years ago by Good Morning To You Productions Corp., which challenged the copyright now held by Warner/Chappell Music Inc., arguing that the song should be "dedicated to public use and in the public domain."

"Because Summy Co. never acquired the rights to the 'Happy Birthday' lyrics, defendants, as Summy Co.'s purported successors-in-interest, do not own a valid copyright," King concluded.

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## IN BRIEF

## oliver denies recession

Finance Minister Joe Oliver says Canada is not in recession now and wasn't in recession in the first half of the year despite data showing otherwise. He said the downturn was confined to the energy sector. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Volkswagen CEO resigns

Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn stepped down Wednesday over a scandal in which the German carmaker admitted to rigging its diesel cars' emissions to pass U.S. tests. Winterkorn said he took responsibility but said he was "not aware of any wrongdoing on my part."

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## AUTOMOTIVE

## VW scandal could spell death of diesel

Over the past 20 years, diesel's image has experienced an extreme makeover of the kind usually associated solely with American reality TV shows, going from the dirty, industry fuel used to power polluting trucks and buses to a potential short-term solution to preserving current oil supplies without compromising on performance, driving dynamics and crucially, air pollution.

But that was before Monday, when the current situation at Volkswagen — the world's largest carmaker is accused of using software to cheat on U.S. emissions tests on its TDI diesel powerplants — became front-page news around the world.

Although diesel is a niche market in the U.S., accounting for just two per cent of new car sales, VW was the biggest player and its cars were developing a loyal, environmentally conscious following.

VW and consequently the current system of emissions certification will be investigated by the U.S. Congress's Oversight and Investigations

Subcommittee.

Diesel is more efficient than gasoline — it has a higher energy content per litre and more of that energy is converted successfully during combustion resulting in 20 per cent less CO<sub>2</sub> emissions than an equivalent gasoline car. However, diesels emit more NOx (Nitrogen Oxide) which is a potentially life-threatening air pollutant.

The Clean Air Act in the U.S. and the new Euro 6 standard in the EU are meant to tackle that issue by ensuring new cars emit NOx levels almost on a par with gasoline, but if U.S. testers can be tricked, how can European consumers be sure that they're not being greenwashed, too?

The ACEA, which represents all European carmakers, on Wednesday moved to reassure drivers and to underline that European testing standards are the strictest in the motoring world and are about to become even more comprehensive. AFP

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Relative risk: The 12 reported deaths worldwide during attempted selfies — with a bear, with a live grenade, on a moving train — outnumber fatal shark attacks (8) so far this year.

## TIM HARPER: ON CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE JOE DANIEL

**In a video obtained by the Star, Daniel offered this warning to voters in Don Valley North: "So I think there is a different agenda going on in terms of these refugees."**

On the same weekend Conservatives expedited a refugee processing system in a nod to what they called "Canadian generosity," one of their candidates seeking re-election was telling voters about an "agenda" to move Muslims into European countries.

And that is something Joe Daniel doesn't want to see in Canada.

In a video obtained by the Star, Daniel offered this warning to voters in Don Valley North: "So I think there is a different agenda going on in terms of these refugees."

"Whereas at the same time Saudi Arabia is putting up money for 200 mosques in Germany I think the agenda is to move as many Muslims into some of these European countries to change these countries in a major way."

"That is something that I certainly don't want to see happening in Canada. I think Canada is the greatest country in the world."

One GTA Liberal candidate who has seen the video called it an "outrageous ... conspiracy theory to promote fear and hatred."

What exactly does Daniel mean with these words? Neither he nor the Conservative party attempted to clarify his remarks.

**Comments like those from Daniel indicate this issue will linger. And legitimate questions will be raised as to how many Conservative candidates might be at least leaning in his direction.**

Instead, he issued a statement Tuesday evening, relayed from party headquarters, pledging support for Stephen Harper's three-pronged approach to the ongoing crisis and "support of the government's recent additional action on refugees, while still ensuring that rigorous security standards are maintained for the safety and security of Canadians."

Daniel would not do a phone interview. He recently made news after his office told the Ottawa Citizen that he would be available to do interviews only after his re-

A couple of German politicians branded the move cynical, adding Germany doesn't need the funds, and the refugees need solidarity from the Arab world, not offers of money for Germany.

Until Daniel arrived on the scene, making his comments at an informal meet-the-candidates forum at a barbecue in his riding, no one had suggested — as the video appears to — that the refugee crisis was some type of conspiracy to plant Muslims in Europe to change the face of the continent.

Earlier in the campaign,



**CONTROVERSIAL COMMENTS** Conservative candidate Joe Daniel (right) was caught on video apparently suggesting "the refugee crisis was some type of conspiracy to plant Muslims in Europe," writes Tim Harper. [JOEDANIEL.CA](http://JOEDANIEL.CA)

election and then told the Star that he would work to his own deadlines, not the media's deadlines, in deciding whether he would return a phone call.

Daniel, a 60-year-old native of Tanzania, was first elected in 2011, but he left little footprint in Ottawa.

He was clearly referring to a Saudi offer that has garnered some controversy in Germany. The offer to build the mosques for Syrian refugees in Germany has been described as Saudis offering a place to pray, not a place to stay.

when this issue first flared, one GTA Conservative candidate, speaking on background, told the Star that if anything, criticism of Harper's approach was "hardening our vote."

In an interview with the Star's Tonda MacCharles, Conservative candidate Bal Gosal (Brampton-Centre), said supporters in his riding "don't want them. The majority of people don't want them (Syrian refugees)."

According to the Ottawa Citizen, star Conservative candidate Dianne Watts in Surrey South-White Rock (B.C.) re-



tweeted a message implying the Islamic State had "orchestrated" the migration of Syrian refugees. The re-tweet has since been deleted.

Ottawa is speeding the process of getting 10,000 Syrian refugees to this country, but the Liberals have called for the welcoming of 25,000 at a cost of \$100 million.

The NDP has promised to bring 10,000 refugees from Syria by the end of 2015 and to resettle 9,000 more every year until 2019.

Liberal Rob Oliphant, a former MP seeking to regain a seat in neighbouring Don Valley West, is a United Church minister. His congregation has sponsored refugee families from Colombia and Afghanistan.

He said he wants Stephen Harper to repudiate Daniel because the Conservative leader has a candidate who is using a religious group to divide Canadians and is using women and children fleeing Syria to sow fear in this country.

There had been a sense in some quarters that the refugee announcement by Immigration Minister Chris Alexander may have helped Conservatives turn the corner on the refugee question. The pivot may have been viewed as cynical or a bid to inoculate Conservatives from wider criticism even if it is not threatening support among their base.

But comments like those from Daniel indicate this issue will linger. And legitimate questions will be raised as to how many Conservative candidates might be at least leaning in his direction.

**Tim Harper** is a national affairs writer. His column appears in the Toronto Star on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

## metroview

**If you can make meet-the-teacher night, great. No? Don't panic.**

 **Catherine Little**  
For Metro

When I started teaching in the early 1990s, I was young. And I looked young. Very young. A rumour started to circulate that I had gone to university as a tween and was actually 13 years old.

I had an excellent start to my first year and no issues with the nearly 200 junior high school students I taught. However, as September drew to a close, I could tell the vice-principal worried about how I would do at meet-the-teacher night. Parents might equate my youth to inexperience or, worse, incompetence.

Meet-the-teacher, also known as curriculum night, usually happens at the end of September. Most involve barbecues, sitting on too-small chairs and being told not to ask specific questions about your own child.

This year in public schools in Ontario, these nights may be a casualty of the ongoing strife between the Elementary Teachers Association of Ontario and the provincial government. Similar job action by teachers has taken place all over the country, and there will likely be more of the same.

As far as academic success goes, the research seems to indicate that events like meet-the-teacher are nice, but not a necessity. The authors of a 2014 study in Child Development looked at parents' activities, including parent-teacher conferences and volunteering

at school. They found no evidence that doing these things directly affected academic achievement. They did say they felt there might be some emotional benefit — essentially, it's good for children to know their parents care.

Similarly, an analysis of 37 studies that included over 80,000 students from kindergarten to Grade 12 in Educational Research Review found that parent participation in school activities had the least effect on student achievement. What had the most? Parental expectations, discussions of school activities with children and helping with reading topped the list.

So, if meet-the-teacher happens this year and fits into your schedule, great. If not, don't panic. Other things you can do will help more.

I have no idea who showed up to meet me that September evening my first year teaching. I do remember that my vice-principal sent an experienced teacher to stand at the back of my room in case I needed help. I didn't. But it was nice to know someone was there if I did — kind of like the message you send by having clear expectations for your child and discussing school activities with them.

Full disclosure: As a parent, I have attended every curriculum night since my son started kindergarten, and I intend to attend this year if there is one. Even though my son is starting Grade 8, I want to see the person he's about to spend more waking hours with than anyone else.

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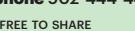
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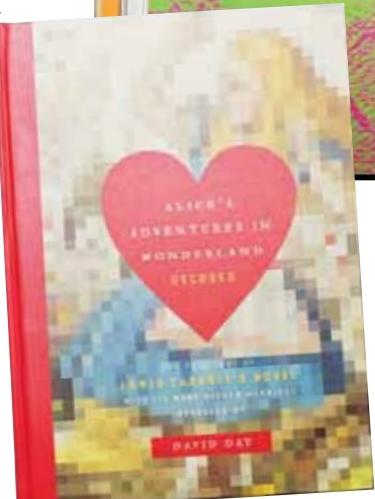
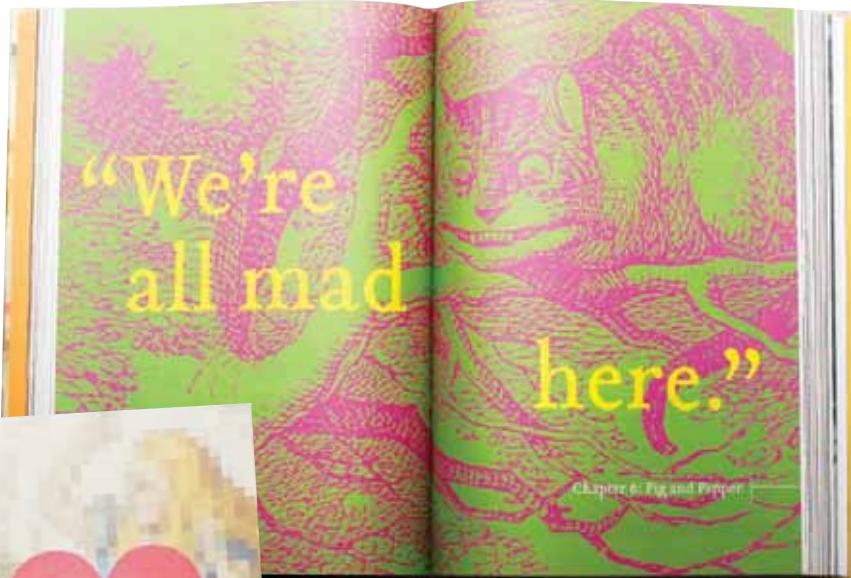
The "meaning" of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland has been open to speculation for years: social satire, Oxford history, even a drug-induced hallucination. In honour of Alice's 150th anniversary, writer David Day is out with a comprehensive book that "decodes" Alice. He interprets a few for us here. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

### Illustrating Alice

"Scott (CS) Richardson, who designed the book, came up with this idea of doing these full spreads and using quotations. And he was the one who chose them ... (The illustrations) are all from the original Alice and what he's done is added a colour dimension and a quotation," says Day.

### The Cover

You'll notice, when you're holding the book, that the figure of Alice on the front cover is pixelated, while the heart in the middle is clear and strong. In fact, it was designed that way for a number of reasons: if you look at it from far away (as you would in a bookstore display) the Alice is clear — it's only when you get closer that she loses her definition. "We pixelated it with the idea of decoding him," says Day, referring to author Lewis Carroll.



### Crinoline Croquet

When Alice goes into the Queen's garden, that garden is based on Alice Liddell's house at Oxford — they had a croquet lawn at the back, which was the height of fashion at the time. Alice's mother made Croquet the centre of social life: "They frequently had these croquet parties," says Day, "and all the women dressed up elaborately; it was the age of 'crinoline croquet.'"



### Oracle of Delphi

This is a painting entitled Consulting the Oracle by John William Waterhouse. In Wonderland's Duchess' kitchen, Day explains that Carroll has created a parody of the Oracle of Delphi gone badly wrong. Instead of a high priestess who inhales fragrant vapours that inspire sacred prophecies, Wonderland's Ugly Duchess inhales smoke and pepper that inspires nonsense.



### The Real Alice

"These photos are by Julia Margaret Cameron ... she would dress (Alice and her sisters) up as mythological figures." On the left, Alice is dressed as Aletheia, the Greek goddess of truth; on the right as Pomona, Roman goddess of fruitfulness.



### Cheshire Cat

All the inhabitants of Wonderland, Day maintains, had real-life counterparts in Oxford Society. In this picture, the Cheshire Cat represents Christ Church college's Canon Edward Bouvier Pusey (puss, get it?) who was one of the most influential churchmen of his time. Conservative Puseyites opposed liberal reforms introduced by Alice's father, the Dean of Christ Church. Here the King and Queen of Hearts, who Day reveals as the Dean and Mrs. Liddell, are much annoyed by Canon Pusey's avatar.



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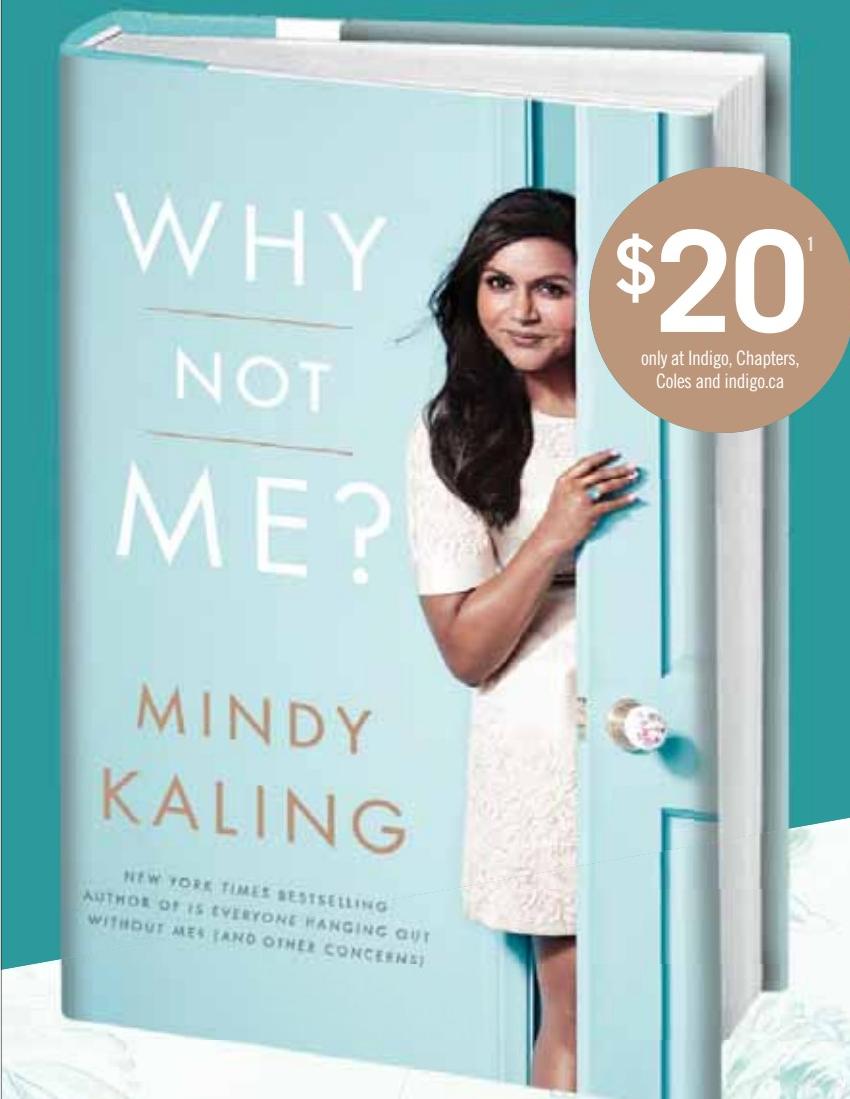


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# As countries change, so do we

JOSIP NOVAKOVICH

**Man Booker  
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An American-born translator goes to Bosnia to work for the UN, only to discover rape camps that her employer turns a blind eye to (or worse, participates in).

After losing everything else in his life when Serb rebel forces take over his village, a Croatian man turns to his bees for comfort and protection.

A Serbian man who once lived in Croatia but was displaced by the war waits for his cousin to arrive on a train that never seems to come.

These are some of the experiences explored in *Ex-Yu*, but according to the author of these fictions based loosely on the Balkan wars of the '90s, the collection is as much about transformation as it is about destruction.

"The title is a pun on Ex-Yugoslavia, and the former you," says Croatian-Canadian writer Josip Novakovich on the phone from Montreal, about his latest — a gripping, tragic, often strange, absurd, and sometimes laugh-out-loud funny short-story collection published this month by Véhicule Press. "Many countries pass and change, so do we, even if we might not be aware of how much we change."

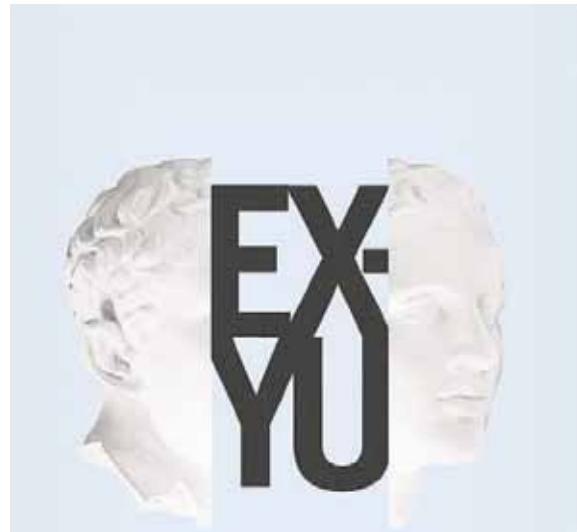
He quotes the philosopher Heraclitus, who said that you can't step in the same river twice. "Usually we just think about how the river changes — the water is always new, the new schools of fish are passing through, but you too are also different — it's not the same you crossing the river for the second time."

As philosophical as Novakovich is, he also thinks pragmatically. When asked why *Ex-Yu* includes a cannibalistic tale that takes place nowhere near Southeastern Europe, he admits it made it into the pile because his last publisher refused to release it, deeming it too horrifying.

It's also a continuation, he says, of an earlier collection that chiefly concerns itself with friendship versus survival versus tribe loyalty.

In a way it fits, despite the geographical divergence, because the collection is so dark.

There's ghosts of the horrors of the Second World War; Dutch



**Josip Novakovich**

*Finalist for the Man Booker International Prize*

Stories

**Josip Novakovich, author of the satirical novel April Fool's Day, has just released his latest short-story collection, Ex-Yu.**  
HANDOUT

## 'FAN FICTION'

While the majority of the characters in *Ex-Yu* are ordinary people, the collection includes some infamous real-life characters.

Novakovich jokingly refers to these stories as "fan-fiction." These include tales of the scientist and inventor Nikola Tesla and 1970s terrorist Nikola Kavaja (nicknamed Tito's Hunter). In one, we catch up with Slobodan Milosevic in jail at the Hague just months before the verdict of his war-crimes tribunal. The fallen leader, now impotent, demands Viagra,

despite his doctor's warnings.

The title, *Just Desserts*, perhaps alludes to the satisfaction Novakovich felt reimagining Milosevic's last days. "It was a known thing that he was sabotaging his medical care, not taking his blood pressure pills so most likely it was just massive heart failure," says Novakovich, a medical-school dropout.

"But that can also happen with Viagra in such conditions, so I thought 'Why not make fun of it?'"

"I read a remarkable article about (Serbian tennis star) Novak Djokovic recently. He was asked if he just thinks positive during matches. And he said he tried it and it doesn't work — he has to do both," Novakovich says. "He can't eliminate the (bad) stuff and he figured out that it's better if he doesn't. You can't completely ignore that life is partly a horror story."

Plus, Novakovich says, offering a less existential explanation — his dark stuff sells better.

"I publish these stories more easily, say, than the stories about my cats."

# Author faces off against Cage critics

FANDOM

**Defending the actor only made Gibb love him more**

**Sue Carter**  
For Metro Canada

Lindsay Gibb didn't set out to become a fierce defender of Nicolas Cage. It was only after a 2012 retrospective of the enigmatic actor's films at the TIFF Bell Lightbox that the Toronto librarian and former editor of Broken Pencil magazine realized the depths of her fandom.

"I liked him a lot but I wasn't as obsessed with him as I am now," she recalls.

While most pop-culture aficionados are content simply sharing their enthusiasm with Facebook friends, Gibb turned her obsession into a book. *National Treasure: Nicolas Cage* is the latest in ECW Press's Pop Classics series, a line of digestible essays that spotlight cultural touchstones such as Elvis Costello, Twin Peaks, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and the stripper schlockfest, Showgirls.

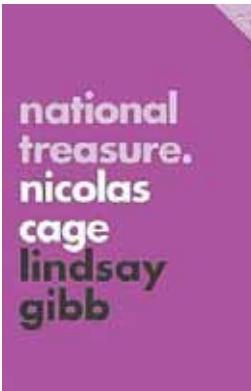


**Author Lindsay Gibb believes Nicolas Cage is one of the most divisive actors of our generation.** HANDOUT IMAGES

Except for perhaps Keanu Reeves, there is no contemporary actor who divides audiences and opinions — or inspired as many memes — as Cage. Beyond his eccentric off-screen life (purchasing saber-tooth tigers

and dinosaur skulls, his Elvis obsession, whirlwind marriages), Gibb suggests Cage's screen presence is so polarizing because he's impossible to pigeonhole.

"From one movie to the next you don't really know what to expect," she says. "People have a certain kind



of vision of him because they've seen him in a certain kind of movie, but then he'll go ahead and do something like *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*."

To prepare for *National Treasure*, Gibb watched all of Cage's work — an impressive feat considering he's appeared in more than 70 films. Inspired by the TIFF retrospective, Gibb, who calls *Vampire's Kiss* and *Wild at Heart* among her favourites, began hosting a monthly Cage movie night in her condo's theatre room. When she started writing the book, she knew she

had to take a more critical approach. "I was trying to look at them through the eyes of, 'What is he doing?' I was looking for links between his movies, and trying to see what he was trying to do with his acting style," she says. "He has this intensity, or bombastic style, where he gets hyper in the middle of a movie that is consistent throughout his films."

In the introduction to the book, Gibb writes, "Having to constantly defend something you like can you love it more fiercely." She dismisses critics who have an unwavering bias against Cage and his on-screen antics.

"There are definitely writers who have a certain take on him — he's a second-rate actor that's always going to chew the scenery," she says. "People have their set opinions, and don't let his performance influence their opinion. They've just decided he's the worst. And then there are people like me. I'll always find at least a nugget in his not-so-great films, and see something interesting."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

SELF HELP

## Elizabeth Gilbert's tips for tapping into your creativity

**Emily Laurence**  
Metro | New York



Bestselling author Elizabeth Gilbert has made a successful career following her creativity, so naturally she gets asked for tips all the time. Here is her advice for leading a more creative life:

### Follow your curiosity

If you think only writers, artists and musicians can be creative, think again. Gilbert is a strong believer that anyone can be creative and "creative" shouldn't be confused with "artistic." "The definition of creative living is paying attention to your curiosity and following wherever it leads you," she says.

### Uncover your "strange jewels"

In *Big Magic*, Gilbert encourages readers to uncover their own personal, "strange jewels," a thought inspired by her favourite poet, Jack Gilbert: "The jewels that are hiding inside you are begging to say yes." "The jewels can be any-

thing from talents to virtues to purpose in life," she says. She adds that following what you find interesting is part of the treasure hunt.

### Stop making excuses

Gilbert says people often write her on social media complaining that they don't have time to be creative. Gilbert fires back that if you have

time to be on social media, watch TV or read magazines, then that isn't necessarily true. "When I start to pick apart that argument with people, it turns out it isn't really a question about having time," she says. "They're afraid. They're afraid they don't have the material, or the right training, or they'll get rejected or ignored. It doesn't really have to do with time." She stresses that once people put aside these fears, they can uncover something great.

### Cultivate a creative community

Her book says success in creativity is part hard work, part magic and part of the magic is surrounding yourself with people that can help foster your creativity.

### Practice self-forgiveness

It's human nature to start off excited about an idea, but for that interest to fade over time until you end up abandoning it. Gilbert says the key to seeing a creative project through is self-forgiveness. "You have to look back at what you created and say, I'm still learning and experimenting."

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## GOSSIP BRIEFS

### Breakup season

Can we blame all these celebrity breakups on the impending holiday season, or is it too soon for that?

I'm not saying that's what's behind Amy Poehler's split from Nick Kroll after two years of dating, but it's a pretty good theory, right? Or this: "Unfortunately, they just

couldn't make the relationship work with their schedules," a source tells Us Weekly. "They really tried, but it just wasn't realistic anymore. They were spending more time apart than together."

Sure, but for some couples that's actually a plus.

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### No more sequels please

Ridley Scott has a new

movie coming out — The Martian — which means he's been doing a bunch of interviews catching people up on all those sequels he's been threatening to make, like his ill-advised followup to Blade Runner.

Even more disconcerting? He's apparently serious about continuing the terrible Prometheus franchise, sending

the disembodied head of Michael Fassbender back to work early next year.

"Fassbender will do (Prometheus 2) with me, and it's meant to start production in February," Scott tells Deadline. "I'm in prep now. I'll either shoot in (Australia) or (Canada)."

Could I suggest a third option, like shooting it "not at all"? That would be swell.

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## HOME VIDEO

### JLo: Love costs a lot

Jennifer Lopez's first husband, Ojani Noa — you probably don't remember him — has a bunch of home movies from way back when, and he and business partner Ed Meyer are eager to let them loose on the world. How rude.

"We are going to produce a DVD and also have a streaming release of the JLo home video footage," Meyer says, according to InTouch.

"There is revealing video of her with



a lack of clothing and in sexual situations, especially in the hotel footage from the honeymoon."

Lopez, Noa and Meyer have been locked in a legal battle for more than six years, but Lopez withdrew all of her claims against them over the summer.

"The videos contain salacious material and are going to shock her fans," Meyer adds. "We have unfinished business." He sounds charming, doesn't he?

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## Kendall's rumoured romances

### DATING

### Michael B. Jordan denies dating Kendall Jenner, kinda

**Ned Ehrbar**  
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her enough. People's perspective on that is what it is. I don't f—know. I don't live my life to make other people happy. It's so weird, though, right? A lot of black fans were feeling like 'Oh, my God, he should have been with a black woman' and that whole thing."

Kendall is just keeping us all guessing.

Well, at least all this attention being diverted away from Bloom must make him happy, right?



Jordan says Jenner 'a friend' only. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## W NETWORK

### Hockey wives signed

W Network has scored four more cast members for its docuseries Hockey Wives, including the wives of Montreal Canadiens goalie Carey Price and Anaheim Ducks captain Ryan Getzlaf. The second season will feature Angela Price and Paige Getzlaf (pictured with her hubby), says W Network.

Other cast additions in-

clude Taylor Winnik, wife of Toronto Maple Leafs left winger Daniel Winnik, and Ashley Booth, wife of free agent David Booth. They join previously announced partners Keshia Chante, Rhianna Weaver, Kodette LaBarbera, Tiffany Parros, Noreen DeWulf, Maripier Morin and Martine Forget.

Hockey Wives returns Oct. 28.  
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## What they're asking

Featured here is a selection of brand new townhome projects. We compare two-bedroom units in various forms including stacks, urban towns, condo towns, and even a rent-to-own. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO

ASKING PRICES WERE ACCURATE AT TIME OF PUBLISHING.



\$1,695 PER MONTH

### Halifax

The Knolls of Glen Arbour is a new townhouse development by Greater Construction located at Sandy Run. The development has a total of 43 units. The Turnberry is a rent-to-own unit, with an open-concept, all-on-one-level design. A large master suite with full bath and a walk-in closet plus a guest bedroom and second full bath complete the main floor. There's also a two-car garage. For more information, contact 902-431-3200 or contact@unitedgulf.ca.



\$315,950

### Edmonton

This spacious unit is available at the Graydon Hill townhomes, one of several ALTIUS projects by Streetside Development, located at Ellerslie Road SW. The Robson unit, with three levels and 1,292 square feet of living space, features double master suites, an oversized pantry, upstairs laundry and an open-concept main floor. There's also a private, attached double car garage, a six-piece appliance package, and laminate and tile flooring. Call the sales centre at 587-524-4150 or visit altiusgraydonhill@qualico.com.



\$299,900

### Winnipeg

The Bluestem development is the first townhome condominium in the explosively popular Sage Creek subdivision. These three-storey towns with attached garages also include back decks and front porches, and easy access to convenient walking paths. Sage Creek has an established and growing village centre with a Sobeys market, Tim Hortons and a Shoppers Drug Mart, with proximity to the shops on Regent Avenue and the St. Vital Centre. The starting price above is for a two-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom home. Check it out at bluestemcondos.ca.



\$538,688

### Calgary

Here's a new two-bedroom-plus-den at The Savoy by Truman Homes. This community of condominiums and townhomes is located on Kensington Road and 19th Street NW, in the community of West Hillhurst. The units feature engineered hardwood floors, Italian marble tile, quartz countertops, designer lighting and plumbing fixtures, and imported Italian kitchens and appliances. The area has many amenities ranging from coffee shops to grocers, and the Peace Bridge is a short walk away. Call 403-240-3246 or visit liveatsavoy.com.



\$339,900

### Vancouver

York by Mosaic Homes is a collection of two- and three-bedroom, shingle-style rowhomes in Langley. These townhomes feature open floor plans with nine-foot ceilings and large bay windows. There's a kitchen island, luxurious bathrooms and raised backyards. The homes are well connected to transit, and boast mountain views, greenways, parks and schools. The starting price above is for a 1,199-square-foot, two-bedroom-plus-den unit. For more information, contact 604-882-6758 or visit mosaichomes.com/york.



\$284,900

### Toronto

Main Street Seaton is a new project by Averton Homes in the suburb of Pickering. The heritage-inspired brownstone townhomes are composed of three different styles, with temporary stacked Urban towns, back-to-back Garden towns, and conventional back-to-back Coach towns. The homes feature engineered laminate flooring and open-concept kitchens. The Seaton area is close to hiking trails and golfing, as well as the Pickering Town Centre and GO transit. Contact the sales centre at 416-740-5544, info@averton.ca.



\$288,800

### Ottawa

Eastboro is a new self-contained community by Ashcroft Homes. It offers the perfect blend of country-comfort style that's just far enough out of the city. Here's a two-bedroom unit in the Urban Towns with 1,580 square feet of living space. Great emphasis has been given to each and every detail within this unique residential retreat. Contact the sales centre at 613-834-4319 or visit ashcroft-homes.com.

# DESIGN CENTRE SITTING PRETTY IN ANY SPACE

Soon it will be the season for holiday entertaining and you will need a few extra places for guests to perch. From poufs and floor pillows to benches, there are some groovy options that will offer up practical style without breaking the piggy bank. **KARL LOHNEES/FOR METRO**

**1 Tufted Fabric and Chrome Double Bench**

At the end of a bed or in a tight hallway; I like to think of it as the new modern piano stool. \$99, Walmart.ca

**2 Aztec Pouf**

Get your black and white pattern going on and wake up any space. \$99, UrbanBarn.com

**3 Real Simple Split-Top Bench Storage Unit**

There are 10 million uses for this one; what's yours? \$120, BedBathAndBeyond.ca

**4 EQ3 Roman Bean Bag**

Keep it fun and flowery. \$400, TheBay.com

**5 Mongolian Fur and Lucite Bench**

Hollywood glamour meets Liberace. \$500, Homesense.ca

**6 Pier Braided Pouf**

Neutral texture that any room would love. \$129, UrbanBarn.com

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Your essential daily news

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant has been cleared to play after a series of right-foot injuries

## GYMNASTICS

### Elite Canada coming to town

Canada's top gymnasts will be competing in Halifax this coming winter.

The 2016 Elite Canada Artistic Gymnastics Competition is set for Feb. 4-7 at the Canada Games Centre on Thomas Rad dall Drive, Gymnastics Canada announced Wednesday.

"Our club, Halifax Alta, along with others in Halifax, are very excited to be hosting Elite Canada 2016," local five-time Pan American Games medallist Ellie Black said in a news release.

"It's great to bring the highest level of gymnastics to Halifax for many young athletes to be able to see and be inspired."

Halifax Alta Gymnastics Club, Taiso Gymnastics Training Centre and Titans Gymnastics and Trampoline Centre are helping host Elite Canada 2016, which is described in the news release as one of the main meets that helps determine the national teams. The competition brings together the best from across the country in novice, junior and senior categories.

"This will give our high performance athletes the privilege to compete at home," Gymnastics Nova Scotia executive director Angela Gallant said in the release, "and it will be an excellent opportunity for supporters to see local athletes such as Ellie Black and Hugh Smith compete as they continue their quest for the 2016 Olympic Games."

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO



Ellie Black

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# SPORTS

## Don't 'Staal' on getting your hockey tickets

### NHL

#### Hurricanes to meet Islanders in Halifax for pre-season tilt



Kristen Lipscombe  
Metro | Halifax

Thinking about buying tickets to this Saturday's NHL exhibition game in Halifax?

Well, you better quit "Staaling" and get to the Ticket Atlantic box office or go to TicketAtlantic.com.

Event organizers confirmed Wednesday that the Staal brothers — captain Eric and alternate Jordan — will both be on the ice with the Carolina Hurricanes when the puck drops at 6 p.m. against the New York Islanders in pre-season action at the Scotiabank Centre.

"We for sure know that the superstars, which are the Staals, are coming," Jessie Graham, spokeswoman for event organizers On Ice Management Group Inc., said by phone Wednesday.

Eric, 30, and Jordan, 27, are both centres from Thunder Bay, Ont. They're two of the four Staal brothers — the others being defenceman Marc, 28, who plays for the New York Rangers, and right-winger Jared, 25,



Jordan Staal, left, and Eric Staal will both be on the ice on Saturday at the Scotiabank Centre.

BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

who is currently an unrestricted free agent but previously played within the Hurricanes organization.

Although she couldn't confirm if Islanders standouts such as centre John Tavares, 25, will be lacing up skates on Scotiabank ice this weekend, Graham

did say there's a "high chance" he and many other high-profile names will be playing in Halifax.

She expects the full lineups for both NHL teams facing off in Nova Scotia's capital city this weekend to be revealed Thursday.

"It's not like it's going to

be the weaker lines," Graham promised. "It's going to be the bigger players."

Ticket sales are "steady right now," she said, but emphasized there's still some left and there will likely be a big jump as last-minute Nova Scotians snatch them up over the next couple

### BOX OFFICE

Tickets to this Saturday night's Islanders-Hurricanes game range from \$84 to \$104 (including tax and applicable surcharges), and are available at the Ticket Atlantic box office inside the Scotiabank Centre, at participating Atlantic Superstore outlets, by calling 902-451-1221 and online at Ticket-Atlantic.com.

of days.

Saturday's exhibition match-up is the perfect way for Haligonians to get introduced to their newly renovated home rink, Graham said.

"The most exciting thing is the building itself," she said. "The new seats look amazing."

And to fans and players alike, pre-season matchups are really much more than just exhibition games.

"Once you're there, you really do get to see ... the buildup of how the year's going to go, and who's going to play with who, and how they interact," Graham said.

"Although it's just an exhibition game, it's still their top players, it's still the coaches, it's still everything that's the National Hockey League."

### MLB

## Russell-mania, Blue Jays runs wild over Yankees

WEDNESDAY In Toronto

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BLUE JAYS YANKEES

Russell Martin hit a three-run homer and Marcus Stroman threw seven scoreless innings as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the New York Yankees 4-0 on Wednesday in the rubber match of a pivotal three-game series between American League East rivals.

Martin turned on a 2-2 pitch from Andrew Bailey in the seventh inning for his 21st homer of the year. Brett Cecil and Roberto Osuna completed the shutout in front of a boisterous sellout crowd of 48,056 at Rogers Centre.

The victory restored Toronto's 3-1/2-game cushion on the second-place Yankees in the division standings. New York (83-68) has 11 games left to play, one more than the Blue Jays (87-65).

Toronto entered play 1-1/2

games behind Kansas City for the best record in the American League. The Royals were at Seattle on Wednesday night.

Stroman (3-0), making his third start after missing most of the season while recovering from knee surgery, allowed five hits and a walk. He had five strikeouts and trimmed his earned-run average to 1.89.

Stroman retired the first eight batters he faced before Didi Gregorius hit a flare that landed in shallow centre field. Jacoby Ellsbury flew out on the next pitch to leave him stranded. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Russell Martin takes a bow following his three-run blast on Wednesday night in Toronto. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**BOXING FURY NOT SO SERIOUS AHEAD OF KLITSCHKO BOUT**

Towering six-foot-nine British fighter Tyson Fury entered Wednesday's news conference for his fight with Wladimir Klitschko dressed as Batman and even fought the Joker in what was a clearly staged performance. Fury (24-0) challenges Klitschko (64-3) for his WBA, WBO and IBF titles in Duesseldorf, Germany on Oct. 24. FRANK AUGSTEIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**IN BRIEF****France beat Romania in less than convincing fashion**

France said it was inspired to be playing a Rugby World Cup match at the Olympic Stadium where Usain Bolt and their own Renaud Lavillenie performed with distinction in 2012.

The French won in the end on Wednesday, beating Romania 38-11, but it wasn't a performance that was going to inspire Bolt or Lavillenie.

France struggled to put away the limited Romanians. It was France's second win from two matches in Pool D. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Pocock shines for Aussies as brave Fiji fall again**

Australia struggled to put away a spirited Fiji side playing its second game in five days at the Rugby World Cup, winning 28-13 mainly thanks to a quick brace of first-half tries from No. 8

David Pocock on Wednesday. Pocock twice dived over at the base of rolling mauls to help the Australians to an 18-3 halftime lead in their first Pool A game of the tournament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Swiss AG wants FIFA to hand over Valcke emails**

Switzerland's Attorney General Michael Lauber wants FIFA to hand over emails used by Jerome Valcke, its secretary general who was suspended last week.

Valcke was implicated by a FIFA ticketing partner in using his FIFA and Google email accounts to discuss a 2014 World Cup black market tickets deal. Lauber's spokesman Andre Marty said the prosecutor asked FIFA lawyers to release Valcke's correspondence but so far, "FIFA didn't deliver this email information."

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# Celta Vigo shocks Barca, Real on top

**LA LIGA****Deadly Aspas stuns champs, Benzema on fire for Madrid**

Celta Vigo swept to a shock 4-1 victory over Barcelona, while Real Madrid went top of the Spanish league with a 2-1 win over Athletic Bilbao Wednesday on a mixed night for the title contenders.

Two goals by Iago Aspas helped Celta to a convincing victory over Barcelona and second place in the table, level on 13 points with Madrid after five rounds. Celta is second for having conceded more goals than the capital club. The loss saw Barcelona drop to fifth.

"There is always a day when your opponent is superior and can win all the balls and beat you in every individual duel and doesn't give you a chance — as has happened today," Barcelona defender Javier Mascherano said.

"There are no excuses; they beat us deservedly."

Karim Benzema scored twice for Madrid, opening the scoring in the 19th minute after intercepting a terrible back-pass by Mikel San Jose and racing forward to steer the ball past goalkeeper Gorka Iraizoz.

Sabin Merino equalized with a header, the first goal Madrid goalkeeper Keylor Navas has conceded this season, but Benzema scored his fifth goal so far this season after latching onto Francisco (Isco) Alarcon's pass in the 70th.

Elsewhere, Rayo Vallecano beat Sporting Gijon 2-1 and Levante drew 2-2 with Eibar.

**+ REST OF EUROPE**

Borussia Dortmund's club record winning streak of 11 games came to end Wednesday when they drew 1-1 away to Hoffenheim.

Both Chelsea and Manchester United has easy wins in the Capital One Cup 3rd round over Walsall and Ipswich respectively while Arsenal knocked out rivals Tottenham 2-1 thanks to a double from Mathieu Flamini.

Elsewhere, Liverpool scraped into Round 4 against League 2 opposition Carlisle, beating the minnows on penalties 3-2 at Anfield following a 1-1 scoreline after extra time. METRO

**WEDNESDAY In Vigo**

Villarreal beat Malaga 1-0, while Sevilla — that has yet to win a match this season and is bottom of the league — lost 2-0 to newly promoted Las Palmas in the Canary Islands.

Manuel (Nolito) Agudo opened the scoring in the 25th minute at Celta's Balaidos Stadium with a lofted shot that Barcelona goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen got his fingertips to, but couldn't keep out. It was the attacking midfielder's fifth goal this season.

Barcelona conceded again three minutes later when Aspas pounced on a poor pass by Gerard Pique, raced forward and



**Luis Suarez of FC Barcelona goes to ground against Celta Vigo on a bad night for the reigning La Liga champions.**

ALEX CAPARROS/GETTY IMAGES

lifted the ball over Ter Stegen.

Aspas then sprinted up the field and side-footed the ball past a stranded Ter Stegen in the 55th. Neymar pulled one back for Barcelona by powering in Lionel Messi's pass in the 80th, but Sweden forward John Guidetti made it 4-1 from close range three minutes later.

Messi had forced a fine save

in the first half and hit the post in the second on a luckless night for the Argentine forward.

"I prefer to be beaten by a team like Celta that plays a very clean game," said Barcelona coach Luis Enrique, whose side is one point behind the league leaders.

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**Let's Talk About It.**  
**THE SHELDON MacLEOD SHOW**  
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**RECIPE** Green Gazpacho

After hosting countless sunset dinner parties for friends and family, Katie Lee, co-host of The Food Network's *The Kitchen*, compiled her favourite summer recipes and entertaining tips into the *Endless Summer Cookbook* released earlier this year.

Here she shares a recipe for green gazpacho. "The avocado in this recipe adds an extra element of creaminess, and the lime juice evens out the flavors of the onion, garlic, and jalapeno."

**Serves 6-8**

**Ingredients**

- 2 pounds Green Zebra tomatoes, cored and coarsely chopped, plus 1 Green Zebra tomato, cut into small wedges, for garnish
  - 1 unpeeled seedless cucumber, coarsely chopped, plus 1 finely diced unpeeled cucumber for garnish
  - 1 sweet onion, coarsely chopped
  - 1 Hass avocado, chopped
  - 1 small jalapeno, seeded
  - 1 clove garlic
  - 2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
  - 1 cup cold water
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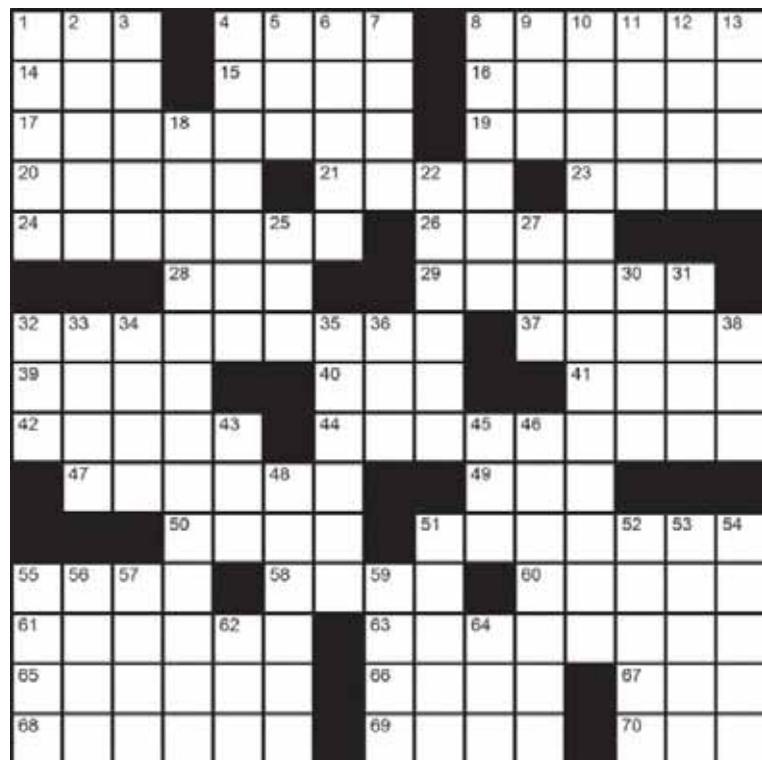
- 2 Tbsp fresh mint leaves, chopped, plus more whole leaves for garnish
- 2 Tbsp fresh cilantro leaves
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

**Directions**

1. In a blender, combine half of the coarsely chopped tomatoes, cucumber, and onion with the avocado, jalapeno, garlic, lime juice, and 1 cup cold water and blend until smooth. Transfer the purée to a large bowl.
2. Add the remaining coarsely chopped tomatoes, cucumber, and onion to the blender along with the mint, cilantro, and oil and pulse to a chunky purée. Add the purée to the bowl and stir well. Refrigerate the soup until well chilled, about 1 hour.
3. Season the soup with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with tomato wedges, diced cucumber, and mint leaves, and finish with a drizzle of oil. Serve cold.

**CROSSWORD** Canada Across and Down BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN**ACROSS**

1. Paraguay/Brazil border river
4. Flee
8. Action hero played by "The Simpsons" character Rainier Wolfcastle
14. Mr. Bellamy
15. Narrative
16. Certain graduate
17. Football field
19. Transplant the plant
20. Let the tea sit
21. Legal occupation [abbr.]
22. Bellow
24. Beat
26. Bionic Woman's hometown in California
28. Edwin McCain's "Be"
29. Shows direction
32. Southern Alberta village near Lethbridge
37. Haida Gwaii - British Columbia... Anthony Island village which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, \_
39. \_ Brith
40. Tic-tac-toe win
41. Hold
42. Terra \_
44. Tiered temples of ancient Meso-potamia
47. "Would you like me to?": 2 wds.
49. Numero \_
50. Umbrella weather
51. Steadfast
55. H.G. Wells
58. Decorative curved arch
60. Prefix with 'red'
61. Famous role for Johnny Weissmuller (b.1904 - d.1984)
63. Snugly wraps
65. Monty Python-er John
66. Manage
67. Summer hrs. in Toronto
68. Baroque composer of the oratorio Messiah
69. Inputted info [abbr.]
70. \_ v. Wade

**DOWN**

1. Anxiety

2. Eastern Ontario town; or, Western Australia city
3. "Bon voyage!"
4. Draw in a dotted manner
5. Automobile
6. Take \_ off (Relax)
7. Sleeping bag 'room'

8. Tori & Dean... Toronto-born chef/author Ms. Eustace: 2 wds.
9. Cavs, on a score-board
10. Old \_ (Halifax cemetery founded in 1749 which is a National Historic Site of Canada)
11. Farm song bit:

- "Here \_ there..."
12. " \_ pronounce you..." (Altar words)
  13. Of all of Canada [abbr.]
  18. DMZ = \_ Zone (Area separating North and South Korea)
  22. Champion/leader: 2 wds.
  25. Gremlin
  27. Three-toed sloths
  30. Scarlett's home
  31. Annoyed state
  32. American network
  33. Artist Yoko, and surnamesakes
  34. Tub
  35. Flowing like molasses
  36. French 'king'
  38. Paper map's techie alternative
  43. Tenn. neighbour
  45. Stomach
  46. Without assistance
  48. Oscar-winner Mr. Barrymore
  51. Apply a shirt button: 2 wds.
  52. Raven, Cowboy or Patriot, e.g.
  53. Words to live by
  54. Potentially care-free swiftness
  55. Inscribe
  56. Los Angeles = \_ Land
  57. \_ Ishii ('Kill Bill' character)
  59. 'Convall' suffix (Recuperate)
  62. Peer Gynt's mother
  64. \_ No. (Building dweller's unit)

**\* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** by Sally Brompton**Aries** March 21 - April 20

You should find it a lot easier to sit down with others and discuss your problems. Prepare to meet them halfway and your relationships will go from strength to strength.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21

Focus on the small print to make sure you are getting a good deal. You will have no one to blame but yourself if you overlook some apparently minor fact or figure and end up missing out on a major opportunity.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21

Take advantage of the good things on offer and don't doubt for a moment that you deserve them. You have done so much good for others, now let them do something for you.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23

Get tough with someone who refuses to face up to their problems. You could approach them with kindness but they've had plenty of that already. Tell them in no uncertain terms where they are going wrong.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23

Someone is a bit depressed and needs you to cheer them up. Calm their fears and remind them that life is still wonderful — and you are a wonderful friend.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You are strongly advised to make no hard and fast decisions until you have talked things over with people you trust. It could mean the difference between a big profit or a loss.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

A whole new chapter in your life has begun and you will soon forget about recent worries and woes. The plans you make now will set you on a more exciting course through life.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Partners and loved ones will want you to join in with their plans today and you would be wise to make the effort. The more you do for others now the more they will do for you.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You have a great deal of emotional energy at your disposal now — use it wisely. The last thing you want is to find yourself bickering with partners and loved ones for no good reason. Always aim for your highest ideal.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The Sun in Libra at this time of the year can help you reach your rightful place in the world which is, of course, at the very top. Give some thought as to what you want to accomplish and then make it happen.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Something is about to happen that will force you to question your view of the world, especially if that view is ultra rational and materialistic. Don't fight against it. The world is a stranger place than you know.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20

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